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Robert A. Rodriguez K5AUW Scholarship
The winners of the Robert A. Rodriguez K5AUW Scholarship in the 2023 cycle were published in the September 2023 issue of the Amateur Radio Relay League's (ARRL's) of *QST* magazine. Congratulationsto them both. They are:

Omar Abioye, KI5KDF The Robert A. Rodriguez, K5AUW , Scholarship

Michael Gilbert-Cabaceira, KI5TXS The Robert A. Rodriguez, K5AUW, Scholarship

Big Reminder: Scholarship Applications for the 2024 cycle are now being accepted through 12:00 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time), January 10, 2024. See http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-program for more information.

The next meeting, November 9, 2023, will be at 7 PM at Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216, (210) 251-2602 . Program: Rodriguez Scholarship raffle Drawing

Robert A. Rodriguez Scholarship Raffle Drawing at November Meeting
(Harold Fleischer AE5AS)

Robert A. Rodriguez, K5AUW displays a ticket

The San Antonio Radio Club is about to finish their fund raising raffle for the 2024 cycle. Raffle tickets can be purchased for $25.00 each *until just before* the General Membership Meeting at 7 p. m. on Thursday, Nov 9, 2023 at Blanco BBQ. It is still possible to purchase them on-line by going to w5sc.org although for administrative reasons (like getting things ready for the drawing), **it will be difficult to get them after Wednesday, Nov 7, 2023, except at the "door".**

JOTA
(Bill Craft KD2HIQ)
I want to thank John Douglas W5NZK who ran our JOTA event at
McGimsey Scout Park here in San Antonio. John spent countless hours to make this a rewarding event for everyone involved. There were several volunteers who operated HF on 40, 20, and 10 Meters

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SAN ANTONIO RADIO CLUB

PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

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TO

Hello South Texas,

Your radio club has been busy over the past month.

- Aubrey has worked with the civic center to expand the Radio Fiesta hours.
- Bill Craft, KD2HIQ has published the event for Radio Fiesta 2024 and sold the first tickets!
- Jon April KI5CSK is wrapping up the Robert A. Rodriguez Scholarship Fundraiser information.

I also received my $59 renewal for membership of the ARRL. I will be paying it, but I understand if some choose not to renew.

Radio Fiesta 2024 prices have gone down!!

- Admission: Buyers—$13 for 2-day pass online or $15 at the door
- Students with School ID- $10
- Children under 12 & Scouts, Military and First Responders in Uniform get in FREE.
- Tailgating—FREE with admission Indoor Space & Table Rental—$25 per space with table by location
- 1 FREE admission included with each Table Rental

See you at the meeting!

Paul Guido, N5IUT
San Antonio Radio Club, President

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The due date for articles is the **Monday** before the first **Thursday** of the month

San Antonio Radio Club

Meeting Minutes
7:00 p. m., October 12th, 2023
Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd., San Antonio, TX 78216

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Presentation
Travis Few – Fox Hunting

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting
There being no changes, additions, or deletions, minutes were approved without objection by unanimous consent.

Officer Reports:

President – Paul Guido, N5IUT
Solar Eclipse
Safety
JOTA
Fox Hunting

Vice President – Lloyd Swartz, KF5ZHW.
No Report

Secretary – Jack Bannin N5JLB –
No Report - Minutes from club meetings can be found at w5sc.org website, in the Newsletters section.
Minutes Approved

Treasurer – Jon April KI5CSK –
Scholarship at break even point
37 tickets sold at Belton

Chairman of the Board Report – Harold Fleischer, AE5AS
No Bod Meeting
No Report

Education and Training – David Finell, N7LRY –
No Report

Emergency Communications – JC Smith N5RXS –
No Report

Membership – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ – As of DATE:
198 + 1 Additional member

POTA - Jon April
National POTA is 21st October

Field Day – Aubrey Mason

Finance and Review –
No Report

JOTA – John Douglas W5NZK –
Local JOTA activities will be in San Antonio and in Hunt, Texas

Centennial Committee – Tom O'Brien AB5XZ – Items are available for sale

Radio Fiesta – Aubrey Mason
2024 will be July 19, 2024
2025 will be the first weekend in June
CPS safety Trailer
Aerospace Focus

VE Team –
Benny Martinez, NU5P –
No Report

Newsletter Editor –
Jimmie Neff – Newsletter sent to membership on 10/11/2023

Webmaster – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ –
Website is running well

Silent Key Committee –Rodney Brown, AA5RB –
Generators added to the list

Monthly Activities – Travis Few, N9EOD –
Fox Hunt at OP Schnabel Park Oct 21st

Executive –

Election Committee – Paul Guido, N5IUT –
Paul will be reaching out to members to fill rolls on the BoD and the executive committee.

Scholarship Committee: Tom O'Brien, AB5XZ –
Please sign up for the scholarship

Old Business (Motions carried over from previous meetings) - None

New Business – None

Announcements:
Aubry UV17R is a replacement to a 5R.

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Meeting Adjourned @ 8:25 PM

JOTA (Continued from Page 1)

I would also like to recognize everyone who took time to make a contact with over 40-50 scouts over the weekend. Some of the hams including NN7W (Terry), WA5ULE (Ralph), and KD8VHE (Kevin) helped the Scouts earn their radio merit badge. (not all-inclusive list)

It was very rewarding for the scouts and several parents were impressed with the capabilities of what amateur radio can do. Several of the Scout's parents took our website information and want to earn their amateur radio license. Any time we can do something in a positive manner for the public it's a good thing! We have a very wide repeater network, and it should be used for public service.

FOX HUNT (Travis Few N9EOD)

Reminder: FOX HUNT 0900 – 1200 at OP Schnabel Park

When:
Sunday, 12 November 2023

Where:
OP Schnabel Park

Organizer: Travis Few n9eod@n9eod.com

Sunday 12 November, 0900 – 1200 at OP Schnabel Park

This is it, folks. I will be moving, and this is my last Fox Hunt in the San Antonio area. I want to thank everyone who has done the Fox Hunts over the last year or so. I really want to thank Hud W5ZBR for doing a large part of the hiding of the Fox. Please come out and make this a great last hunt!

Here are the details for the November Fox Hunt.

We will have the next Fox Hunt at OP Schnabel Park on Sunday, 12 November, 0900 – 1200. Hud, W5ZBR, will be hiding the Micro-Fox (15mw) transmitting once a minute on 146.565Mhz.

Hunters may start anywhere in the park—no need to wait for the group. As soon as 0900 hits, you can begin hunting. If you can't be there at 0900, that's ok. The hunt will continue after the first person finds it. The Fox will still be transmitting and hidden till 1200.

If you are new or don't have the equipment, you can meet me in the large parking lot at the center of the park. I will be there from 0900 – 1000, White Toyota Corolla with antennas and IL plates. GPS Cords: 29.53545, -98.64198 The meet-up location is marked on the map linked below.

Please consider bringing non-hams out with you—especially kids who really seem to enjoy this activity. Fox Hunting is an excellent event for newcomers to radio as it doesn't require a transmitter to find the Fox.

Park maps can be found at:

https://sartopo.com/p/4HQE1

Those who find the Fox will need to follow the instructions on the card with the Fox to get credit.

Hud will monitor the AA5RO repeater 147.38 Pl 162.2 for talk-in and hints if needed. Tips will be provided after 1100 if requested. He will also be monitoring 147.435 if you can't reach the repeater.

If you have any other questions, please let me know at n9eod@n9eod.com

Volunteer Examiners at Work

From Bennie Martinez, NU5P VE Team Lead:

The Library forgot about us and had a Halloween event for the kids. We were able to use the room dedicated to the historical society. We had a few people take the test outside of the room. We were able to be flexible and make it work.

We had 7 people test for Technician license. All passed
1 tested for General and passed
1 tested for Extra and passed.
Kevin Carney is our winner of the Cray Lester. K5MUG memorial Baofeng handheld radio at the October 28, 2023 testing session. Now you have your license, you can put it to use. Fox Hunting? Maybe?

We also picked up three new club members. Grant Ledet, Dora Vukmirovic, Rex Field. Hope to see you all at the November Meeting.

Hotel QRP (Alonso Perezmartinez AE6NM)

I just got back from a trip to Dallas where I tried some "Hotel Room QRP" and had surprising success, enough that I thought I would relay my experience to you in the hopes that it will give you a nudge to try it yourself.

My setup was a QRP Labs QDX Digital Transceiver. This comes in kit form which I built over the course of several evenings and is available at qrp-labs.com. The radio has a built in soundcard interface and is intended to be plugged into a computer via USB and controlled from the software, in my case, WSJT-X. I powered it with a Bioeno 3.5 Ah battery:

For the antenna, I used a QRPGuys EFHW Antenna 40-15m with Tuner available here [QRPGuys EFHW Antenna 40m-15m or 80m with Tuner - QRPGuys]

I strung up the wire across the outside wall of the room using a couple of inexpensive travel Tenkara fishing poles from Amazon https://a.co/d/6SXDBET

Insofar as the performance, I was surprised. Over the course of an hour, I racked up over a dozen contacts as far as Canada and Venezuela. Here is a picture of my Spots as reported by GridTracker:

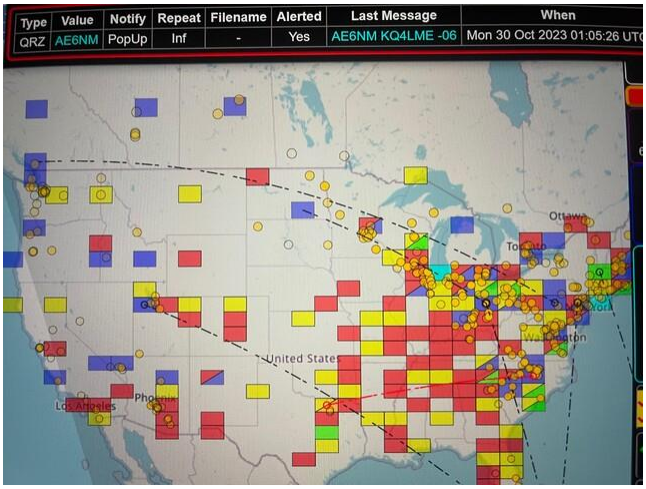
This entire kit fits neatly into a small package that is very easy to throw into a backpack or suitcase and it gave me real pleasure in an evening that would otherwise have been spent watching YouTube videos.

There might also be inspiration here to try setting up a station at home even if your options are limited by your circumstances. Portable operations are also a lot of fun.

I encourage all of you to give it a try, please let me know if you have any questions, I am happy to help in any way I can.

Best regards,

73 de AE6NM
Alonso



SARC has had a Groups.io. Its name is saradioclub.

If you haven't signed up for group.io, you should. Groups.io is our primary email messaging method to all club members. It is FREE for all members.
Several members have asked where are the notices, schedules and codes for Zoom meetings?

1. The groups.io calendar has a schedule of Zoom meetings and access codes.
2. The calendar can be accessed directly from the club web site https://w5sc.org/events-calendar/ NOTE: it is the same groups.io calendar.

The saradioclub Group.io is being used to publicize SARC business meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes. Members of the saradioclub Group.io can and have asked each other technical questions or sought assistance.

The saradioclub Group.io is a closed group. To become a member, go to saradioclub.groups.io. (You may need to have a Groups.io account.) You will then need to select *Apply for membership in this group*. This generates a message. SARC members can expect approval to join the saradioclub Group.io in probably less than 24 hours.

Reminder: there are two active Twitter accounts for the San Antonio Radio Club. They are @SARadioClub and @ARadioFiesta.

The @SARadioClub is being used to publicize SARC meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes.

When work again commences the @ARadioFiesta will be used.

SARC members are encouraged to follow both Twitter accounts.

SARC Facebook

There is a San Antonio Radio Club – SARC (@saradioclub) Facebook Page.

The newsletter editor is making posts about SARC meetings and other activities. Any Officer, Committee Chairperson, or member who believes that they have information that should be posted to this page should contact the newsletter editor using the contact information for the newsletter editor on page 2 of this newsletter.

SARC members are encouraged to follow this Facebook Pa

SARC SLACK

There is a San Antonio Radio Club Slack team – w5sc.slack.com.

Slack teams are meant to foster communication between team members. Paul Guido, N5IUT, has established the w5sc.slack.com team for SARC. He has also established some channels. Think of the channels as topical areas.

To join send an email to Paul Guido, N5IUT, at radioteacher@gmail.com. In actuality, any team member already a part of the w5sc.slack.com can invite you, but Paul is known to be on it.

JOTA

jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually on the third full weekend in October.

JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. JOTA 2023 was held at McGimsey Scout Park Cub Pavilion 10810 Wedgewood Dr, Castle Hills, TX 78213.

Thanks to volunteers who helped 40-50 scouts get a taste of amateur radio making contacts.

. Anyone wanting to operate a station next year need to do the BSA Youth protection Training (YPT) and complete BSA Health forms.

https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/

Amateur Radio License Classes

For more information, contact:
David Finell, N7LRY
Instructor

SARC has a website:

w5sc.org

Webmaster: Bill Craft KD2HIQ
Billc851@gmail.com
210-233-8863

SARC Meeting Dates for 2023

January 12, 2023
February 9, 2023
March 9, 2023
April 13, 2023
May 11, 2023
June 8, 2023
July 13, 2023
August 10, 2023
September 14, 2023
October 12, 2023
November 9, 2022
December – No meeting

Meetings are normally held at Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216 at 7:00 p. m. Room is available at 6:00 p. m. for supper

Radio Fiesta 2024

Radio Fiesta 2024 will be at Schertz Civic Center on July 19/20. Hours are 1-8PM Friday, 8AM to 2 PM Saturday with 0700 setup for vendors and tailgaters. Tickets are $13 for 2 days pre-event, $15 at the door. Children, scouts, Military and first responders in uniform free. Students with ID, $10. Tables are $25. The 2-day event features seminars and license testing on Saturmday., See details at: **https://w5sc.org/radio-fiesta-2024-information**

License Testing Dates for 2022

SARC does all of its licensing testing as a part of ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) organization so all of the Volunteer Examiners in SARC are duly authorized Volunteer Examiners of ARRL's VEC.
Register at HamTest@w5sc.org
Other info at W5SC.org click "Getting Started" then "Testing."

Field Day 2023

Field Day exercise, June 24 – 25 was at the City of Shavano Park city hall for the twentieth year.*Where SARC proves they are an eating group with a radio problem*. Start thinking about Field Day 2024!.

Emergency Communications

If you are interested in emergency communications, contact:
JC Smith N5RXS